OUR MOTHERS-IN-LAW. A PROVERB VERIFIED.

As she spoke, Mrs. Dimply appeared, fully dressed, but with a Shetland shawl tied round her head, and looking the picture of misery. "I am sorry to hear you are not very well, Mrs. Dimply," I said "What is the matter?" "The matter! Why that dreadful open window, to be sure," with an injured glance at my mother. "It has given me one of my worst neuralgic headaches."

It appeared that my mother on going to bed found Mrs. Dimply already asleep. The ventilation being, according to her notions, insufficient, she had opened one of the windows about six inches at the top, and kept it so all night.

"You don't really think it was the window!" said my mother sweetly. "Let me assure you that you are mistaken. I must show you some day what the celebrated Dr. Dillwater says in his book, 'Ventilation and Vitality.' Dr. Diliwater says it's absolutely idiotic, not to say criminal, to sleep with one's window shut. Why, I sleep with my bedroom window open every night of my life, and look at my."

lock at me!"

"Perhaps you have an exceptionally strong constitution," suggested poor Mrs. Dimply.

"Oh dear no, not at all: rather the reverse. I am naturally delicate, but I study the laws of health. If you break the laws of health you must pay the fine, you know. Now, if I might venture, Mrs. Dimply, I could tell you exactly the cause of your headache. Of course it was not for me to interfere, but I was quite sure last night that you would have a headache this morning."

"Indeed!" said Mrs. Dimply faintly. "Indeed!" said Mrs. Dimply faintly.

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"Yes, indeed. It was—you're sure you'll forgive me for speaking plainly!—it was those pickled onions at suppor. Pickled onions, and hot whisky and water to follow! They're both very nice, I admit; but at our time of life" (Mrs. Dimply was quite as old as my mother, but wouldn't have owned to it by ten years) "we are compelled to be careful. If not, as I said before, we have to pay the penalty. Now will you let me prescribe for you!—I am a capital doctor I assure you. Just one Cockle's pill, (I can give you one if you like,) and it'll put you to the blow, which is given with a huge assure you. Just one Cockies pill, I can give you one if you like,) and it'll put you to rights directly. But you must really get in the way of sleeping with your window open, if you wish to enjoy good health."
"Your remedies are too heroic for me." said poor Mrs. Dimply, shaking her head.
"And that dreadful alarm! I declare I

haven't got over the fright it gave me yet."

"Did it really startle you!" said my mother. "Now, do you know I am so used to it that I hardly notice it. It does just wake me, and that's all."

"Startle me! The horrid thing frightened

me so that I am shaking still. I thought the

oud to-morrow morning."
"I trust I shan't be within hearing of it to-

specially asked for. But I am very sorry you are obliged to go so soon, Mrs. Dimply, just as we were beginning to know one another. I am sure we should have got on so nicely together. But I hope it's only a pleas-

"I hope so, I'm sure," said Mrs. Dimply, olitely, though I am sadly afraid she

face brightening as if one of Mr. Burnand's "happy thoughts" had just struck her. "The very next time, Mrs. Dimply, you come to stay with Rosa for a few days, Adolphus shall let me know, and I'll come and keep you company. You promise, Adolphus, don't you!" "I do, mother," I said with fervor.

"That's right, it's an understood thing.
I'll be with you the very same day, or the
day after at latest. And we'll sleep with the window open every night, Mrs. Dim-ply, and get up at six in the morning, and in less than a fortnight you shall be as fat and rosy as I am. But you really mustn't eat any more pickled onions for supper."

Mrs. Dimply packed up her three boxes and was out of the house before luncheon. The parting between her and my mother was quite affecting, the regret of the latter at losing her so soon being only tempered by the prospect (on which she laid continual stress) of a nice long visit, to be enjoyed to-gether at an early date. The cab drove from the door, my mother waving her last adicus from the doorstep. I could almost have imagined that there was a twinkle in her eye as she returned to the hall. descended to the kitchen, and after a brief absence returned with the intelligence that the cook had thought better of it and had consented to stay. Her next proceeding was to produce an A B C guide and to begin to calculate the trains.

"But you are not leaving us, surely?" began Rosa. "I do hope, now you are here, you will stay a week or two with us."

"You're very kind to say so, my dear, but I'd rather not, all the same! The business on which I came up to town will be completed

shall start honeward again."

Rosa began a little complimentary pressing, but the old lady stopped her— "No, my dear, there's an old-fashioned proverb 'two are company and three are none,' and I've a notion that the saying is never truer than about husband and wife have a great respect for mothers in-law, (naturally so, being a mother-in-law myself,) but it's possible to have too much even of a but it's possible to have too much even of a good thing. I'll pay you a flying visit once in a way, never fear, but won't stay at present. Besides, now your dear mother is gone," (here her eyes twinkled again, "I have really no inducement to stay, It's a pity; we should have been such nice companions to each other. But don't forget our greement! I'm a woman of my word-the very next time she comes to pay you a staying visit let me know, and I'll come too."

Five years have passed away, and a young family is springing up around us. My mother frequently writes to us, and never fails to send an affectionate message to Mrs. Dimply, inquiring when she will be ready to pay the long-promised joint visit. But she

JOHN L. SULLIVAN A TOTAL WRECK he Champion Puglist Reported to Be In a Sorry Plight, the Result of His Habits of Intextention.

[Boston Cor. St. Paul Pioneer Press.] Every dog has his day, is an old saying, and John L. Sul, ivan has seen his best day. Rum has got the best of him and is rapidly knocking him out. Sullivan's tour throug the country was one glorious drunk, which culminated in the Mitchell flasco in New York. Although at that time he promised to "swear off" and keep sober, he has not kept his word. For two or three weeks, while the disgrace lasted, he abstained from all intoxicants, but he has now gone a recent sparring exhibition given in this city Sullivan was so drunk that he was unfit to appear, but did so nevertheless. He made a poor showing, and would have fallen down at one time had he not been

A few nights since he attended a wake seld over the remains of his sister's child and got "chock ablock." He has been drunk ever since, and, in the opinion of got very little money. He has spent it as fast as he has made it. He doesn't even own his "mahogany palace" or gin-mill. A man named Clarke owns it and gives

held up by his adversary.

other day at a picule which Sullivan and his pet pugilist, Pete McCoy, attended.

Jules Tavernier.

Artist. the blow, which is given with a huge

"Try your strength," said the attendant

chine a terrible bang. Up went the regis-tering iron and marked 2,800 pounds. "A powerful blow," said the attendant.

John tried it again, and a crowd gathered around to watch him. He took a firm grip and let drive again. This time the register flew up the standard and stopped OFFICE HOURS:

me so that I am shaking still. I thought the house was falling down at the very least, and as to getting to sleep again after that, it was out of the question."

"I assure you you won't mind it in the least after a few days," said my mother amiably. "I believe it does strike strangers as a little loud, but it is really nothing when you're used to it. You'll find it won't sound half so loud to-morrow morning."

at 3,200 pounds.

"Another powerful blow," sung out the attendant as he pulled it down.

There is a little "trick" to this machine which everybody doesn't know of. There is a thumb-screw attached to the register, which, when tightened, causes a greater friction, and it doesn't go up so high, even if the striker hits the machine twice as hard. The attendant gave this screw a which everybody doesn't know of. There is a thumb-scrow attached to the register, morrow morning. The girls are wanting me dreadfully at home, and if Rosa will excuse me I think I shall go to-day. Now that Rosa has got you to advise her, Mrs. Smithers, I am really not needed."

"Rosa will rub along." as got you to advise her, Mrs. Smithers, I and the crowd laughed. This nettled John m really not needed."

"Rosa will rub along, I dare say, though I asn't trouble her with any advice, unless it's was given another turn and 2,000 pounds was the result. Once more it was tighter until it was about as solid to the standard as though it had been nailed. John pounded away, and 1,500 pounds was the result. Sullivan was disgusted, and handed the mallet over to Pete McCoy. The screw was loosened a couple of turns and away went the register up to 3,500 pounds. "Pil be blamed," said John, and getting mad he took off his cost and went for the machine once more. The attendant forgot to tighten the screw again, and when Sullivan hit it with all his giant strength, the register ran up the standard like a bulletshot from a gun and flew high in the air. That satisfied John, and he put on his coat. When the joke was explained to him he was inclined to get mad and "lick" the attendant, but did not. He threw him a silver dollar and departed.

Sullivan never asks any change. I saw him the other day at a base-ball game. There was a little boy near him could't see, so John took him on his knee and held him through the game, treating him to peanuts. He also gave a bootblack a dollar to go a dozen steps or so and tell a man that he wanted to see him.

[New York Herald.]
"You talk as if bunco were a science," said a reporter to a "steerer" in the course of an in

"And isn't it a science? It's more'n theo-logy and philosophy, and all the ologies and osophies chucked together. When a fellow's on my lay he's got to know everything. Un-derstand! Everything. He has to know how to coax the fresh uns and larry the fly fel-lows and give all sorts o' taffy to the cranks.

lows and give all sorts o' taffy to the cranks. He's got to have a ghost story that'll hold when anyone bites, and he's got to know just how to play his man."

"And which is the ensiest prey?"

"Well, it used to be the greenys, fresh from the country. I suppose you can get 'em on a string easy still. But the big bugs are the best to bait a trap for, and if you get 'em dead to rights they pay big money. Best of all is, they're the safest gaine. You see, they don't care about squealing, 'cause they feel mean 'bout being touched. So they just stash their gab and let the ducats go. But often some fresh duck that's been touched for a small stake 'll roar like a buil. I've seen it all and I know what I'm talkin' about." all and I know what I'm talkin' about. "But aren't you afraid of running foul of

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ciety that would stun you." Here is a piece of information for house-Dimply, inquiring when she will be ready to pay the long-promised joint visit. But she isn't ready yet!

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